

State of South Dakota

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1008

Introduced by: Representatives Rausch, Bolin, Boomgarden, Brunner, Carson, Conzet, Cronin, Curd, Deadrick, Faehn, Gosch, Greenfield, Hamiel, Hoffman, Hunt, Juhnke, Kirkeby, Kopp, Krebs, Lederman, Lust, McLaughlin, Moser, Noem, Novstrup (David), Olson (Betty), Peters, Pitts, Putnam, Rave, Romkema, Rounds, Russell, Schlekeway, Sly, Solum, Steele, Tidemann, Turbiville, Van Gerpen, Vanneman, Verchio, and Wink and Senators Brown, Haverly, Maher, Olson (Russell), and Peterson

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging Congress to oppose current energy and climate
2 legislation under consideration in the United States Senate.

3 WHEREAS, Congress is considering the passage of H.R. 2454 and S. 1733, known
4 respectively as the Waxman-Markey Bill and the Kerry-Boxer Bill, but has not yet enacted
5 legislation; and

6 WHEREAS, the cap-and-trade provisions of these bills would have a negative effect on
7 agriculture, manufacturing, and small business in South Dakota; and

8 WHEREAS, the cap-and-trade provisions would negatively impact South Dakota farmers
9 and ranchers who need fuel for their vehicles and equipment and fertilizer for their fields and
10 largely rely on affordable electricity in their operations; and

11 WHEREAS, the cap-and-trade provisions would impact South Dakota consumers by
12 substantially reducing South Dakotans' disposable income due to the impact that higher energy



1 prices would have on the prices of all goods and services; and

2 WHEREAS, a cap-and-trade system would create an artificial market, which would require
3 a government regulator to oversee the system and still be susceptible to market manipulation
4 and speculation; and

5 WHEREAS, the cap-and-trade provisions would cost jobs as in the way that the Big Stone
6 II power plant project in northeastern South Dakota was recently abandoned due to utility and
7 investor uncertainty given the looming federal cap-and-trade threat; and

8 WHEREAS, the cap-and-trade provisions would place the United States at a competitive
9 economic disadvantage, since other carbon-intensive, fast-growing economies in the developing
10 world are unwilling to take the same measures:

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-
12 fifth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South
13 Dakota Legislature strongly opposes current energy and climate legislation; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Majority Leader
15 and Minority Leader of the United States Senate, the President of the United States Senate, the
16 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Chairman of the Senate
17 Environment and Public Works Committee, the Chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural
18 Resources Committee, and to each member of South Dakota's congressional delegation.